Dr. A. R. Poduval *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—What will be done if some others are to take leave?

Dr. A. R. Poduval *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Of course, we have to make some accommodation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—This amount itself will not suffice to pay the Director.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—If it is absolutely necessary an additional allotment will be made.

Vypeen-Pallippuram Road—information regarding.

214. Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when the estimate for the Vypeen-Pallippuram Road was sanctioned;

(2) when its work was begun;

(3) how far the work has progressed; and

(4) when it will be completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(1) 27th March 1931.

(2) In Edavam 1106.

(3) The work as per the estimate sanctioned has already been completed.

(4) The work will be continued according to the availability of funds.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—Has not the Government said once that the contribution from the Petroleum Fund will be utilised for this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—That was the intention of the Government. That was also the reason why this work was not included in the programme of the Road Board. But later that source did not materialise.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—Does this not come under the Fourth Stage Works of the Harbour?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—At that time it was thought that the funds for the completion of this road will come from the Road Development Fund of the Government of India. The position is that the Government of India decided that they could not allot any fund for this year.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Is it the position of the Government that this road will have to be left as it is indefinitely because it is not included in the programme of the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Since this work is not included in the 5 year programme of the Road Board it may not be possible to take it up before that.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—The answer given was that there will be the fund from the Government of India. That fund is not forthcoming. In view of the fact that it is the most thickly populated place in Cochin State, will the Government consider the importance of this road?

Mr. President.—If it is not included in the programme of the Road Board then this should form the subject for reconsideration by the Board. I think it may be placed before the Road Board.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes, Sir.

215. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how far the work of the Vypeen-Pallippuram Road has been completed;

(b) wherefrom is it to start and where is it to end; has it been started from Pallippuram or Azhikal;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the road; how much has been spent up till this;

(d) what is the proposed length of the road; how much is completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) From Narakkal to Ayyampilly. A few bridges and culverts however remain to be constructed in this portion.

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(b) From Vypeen to Pallippuram via Narakkal, Ayyampilly, etc. The portion between Narakkal and Ayyampilly has been completed practically.

(c) Detailed estimates for the remaining portions of the road has not yet been prepared. Rs. 68,948—8—6.

(d) About 15 miles.

5½ miles.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Is there any road between Vypeen and Narakkal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—There is no road.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—May I know why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The reason, Sir, is this. This road was constructed in 1931 as a famine relief work. We wanted to give work to as many coolies as possible. If we started the work from Vypeen to Pallipuram it would require land acquisition and therefore a large portion of the money will have to be spent for that and therefore much would not have been available to be distributed among the coolies. But from Narakkal to Ayyampilly there already existed a poramboke road and we concentrated our work on that portion.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will an estimate for the work be kindly got up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes.

Public Offices—Location of—near Public Roads.

216. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to locate Public Offices nearer to the public roads for the convenience of the public?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Public offices are generally located near public roads and at places convenient of access to the public.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു പ്രവേശിക്കുവാൻ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യമില്ലാത്ത ഏതെങ്കിലും പബ്ലിക്കാപ്പീസുകളുണ്ടോ?

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